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Welcome to this exclusive Sonic and Olympic event! We take a break from the regular adventures of the world's fastest hedgehog to find him and his friends preparing for the Olympics!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN ANOTHER TIME, IN ANOTHER PLACE...

LET THE OLYMPIC GAMES BEGIN!

Sonic the Hedgehog and his pals are the shining beacon of hope for a world ravaged by the evil schemes of the insidious Dr. Eggman!

The mad doctor has made various attempts to spread chaos and fear, including turning living beings to robots, breaking the very planet itself to pieces, flooding cities, and using aliens as intergalactic gasoline to name but a few! What's his problem, anyway?! No matter what the scheme, Sonic, Tails, Amy Rose and all the other heroes of the planet have pulled through and preserved the peace!

The super speed of Sonic the Hedgehog has foiled the plots of Dr. Eggman, sure, but Sonic now has the opportunity to use his abilities to compete in the Olympic Games! And that's not all – Sonic's super friends have joined in on the competition to form the most powerful display of athletic talent ever!

All that power in one arena can mean only one thing: Dr. Eggman will be on the prowl, and there's only one true blue hero that can stop him...

Who's Who

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SUPER SPEEDY HERO

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUDDY

DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS

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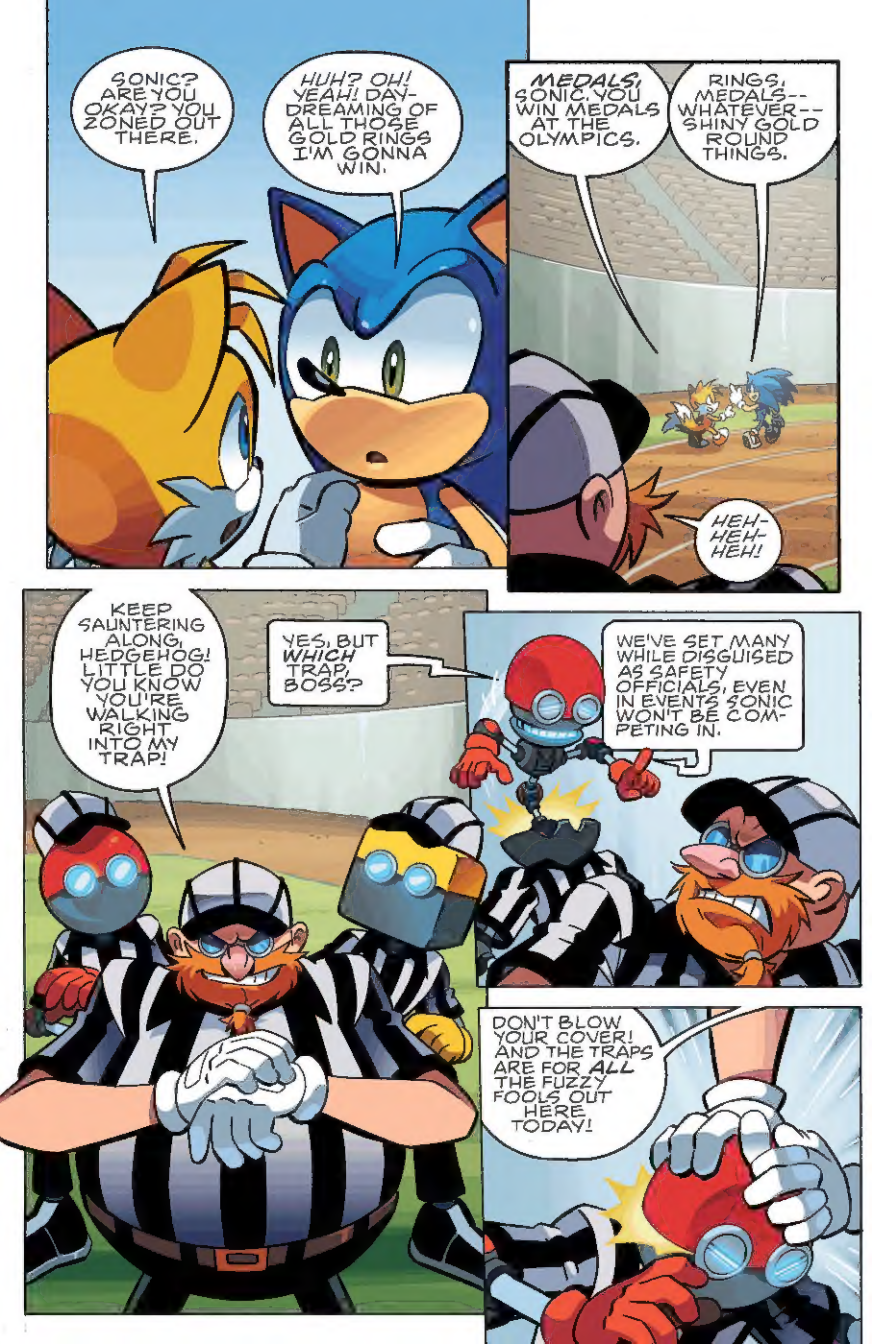
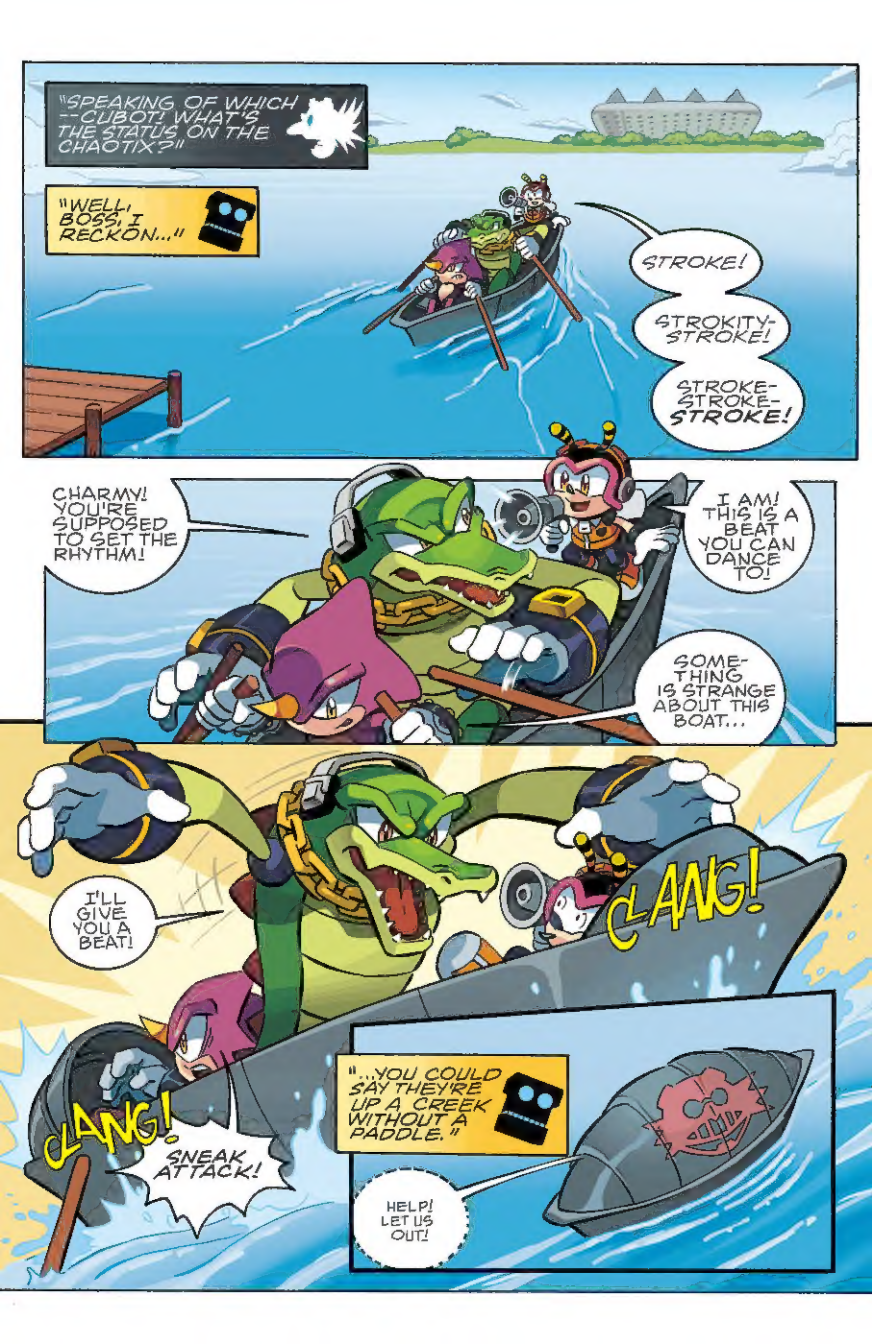

SONIC? ARE YOU OKAY? YOU ZONED OUT THERE.
HUH? OH! YEAH! DAY-DREAMING OF ALL THOSE GOLD RINGS I'M GONNA WIN.
MEDALS, SONIC. YOU WIN MEDALS AT THE OLYMPICS.
RINGS, MEDALS-- WHATEVER-- SHINY GOLD ROUND THINGS.
HEH-HEH-HEH!
KEEP SAUNTERING ALONG, HEDGEHOG! LITTLE DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE WALKING RIGHT INTO MY TRAP!
YES, BUT WHICH TRAP, BOSS?
WE'VE SET MANY WHILE DISGUISED AS SAFETY OFFICIALS, EVEN IN EVENTS SONIC WON'T BE COMPETING IN.
DON'T BLOW YOUR COVER! AND THE TRAPS ARE FOR ALL THE FUZZY FOOLS OUT HERE TODAY!


"SPEAKING OF WHICH --CUBOT! WHAT'S THE STATUS ON THE CHAOTIX?"
"WELL, BOSS, I RECKON..."
STROKE!
STROKITY-STROKE!
STROKE-STROKE-STROKE!
CHARMY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SET THE RHYTHM!
I AM! THIS IS A BEAT YOU CAN DANCE TO!
SOME-THING IS STRANGE ABOUT THIS BOAT...
I'LL GIVE YOU A BEAT!
CLANG!
CLANG!
SNEAK ATTACK!
"...YOU COULD SAY THEY'RE UP A CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE."
HELP! LET US OUT!

"BWA-HA-HA! EXCELLENT! AND WHAT OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE HAMMER-THROW?"
"FOR INSTANCE --THE HOT-HEADED KNUCKLES..."
STEP BACK, YOU TWO. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE IN MY WAY WHEN I START SWINGIN'!
"I OPTED TO INCLUDE SOME DEEPER MEANINGS IN THEIR DEPLOY-MENT.
"...REALLY NEEDS TO GET A GRIP."
WHA--?!
CLONK

"FOR THE SUPER-PSYCHIC SILVER, HE OUGHT TO LEARN..."
KNUCKLES!
deet! deet! deet!
BOOM
"...NOT TO LET THAT POWER GO TO HIS HEAD.
"AND AS FOR BIG, WELL...
"...THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE HARDER THEY FALL."
...I DON'T RECKON I FOLLOW ANY O' THAT...

"MMM; MODESTLY IMPRESSIVE EFFORTS -- BUT NOTHING COMPARED TO MY PLAN!
"TO ENSNARE SOME OF SONIC'S MOST CUNNING AND POWERFUL FRIENDS...
"...I EMPLOYED MY FINEST TELEPORTER-TRAP TECHNOLOGY!
WOMP!
WOMP
"MOMENTUM-BASED PHYSICS CAN BE A BAD THING AFTER ALL!"

CROIKY! DIDJA SEE THAT?!
OH, MY! I DON'T THINK THAT'S SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
FAIR DINKUM! WE GOTTA WARN SONIC AND THE OTHERS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
YES! RIGHT AWAY!
WHOA!
OI! CREAM! LITTLE HELP ?!
ROIGHT! NOW--AS I WAS SAYIN'-- WE GOTTA WARN THEM BLOKES!

MEANWHILE...
YOU'RE UP FOR THE LONG-JUMP, FAKER.
I KNOW.
AND NO USING CHAOS CONTROL TO CHEAT.
I WON'T.
I MEAN IT. THAT'D BE LAME.
...HE USED HIS TAILS, YOU KNOW.
HE TOTALLY DIDN'T.
YOU CAN SHUT UP AT ANY TIME.
ULTIMATE CRY-BABY.
O! SONIC! THE WHOLE PLACE IS RIGGED WITH EGG-MAN'S TRAPS!
WHAT --?
WHOA!

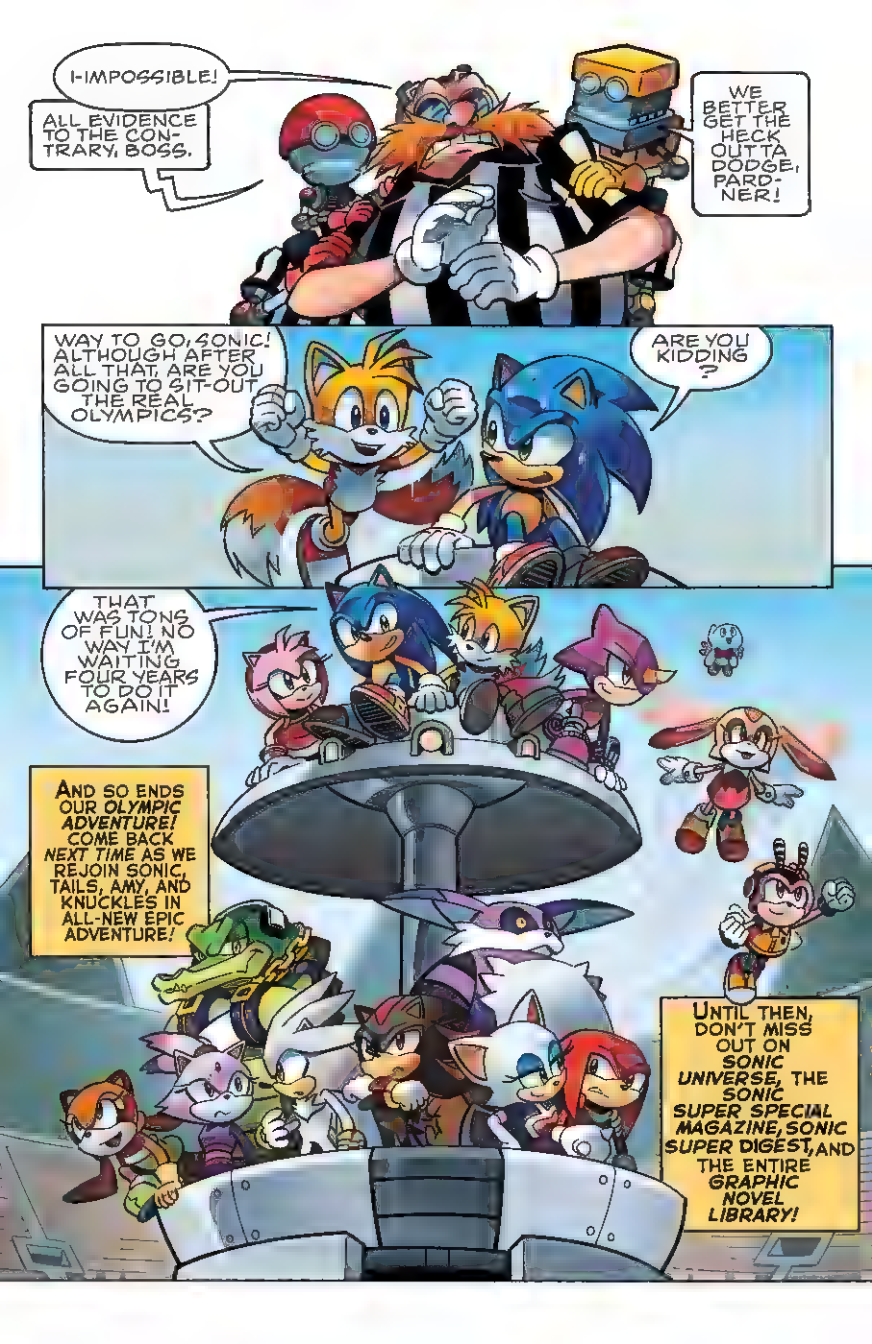
SONIC!
WOMP!
WOMP!
TAILS! SHADOW!
WAH-HA-HA-HA!

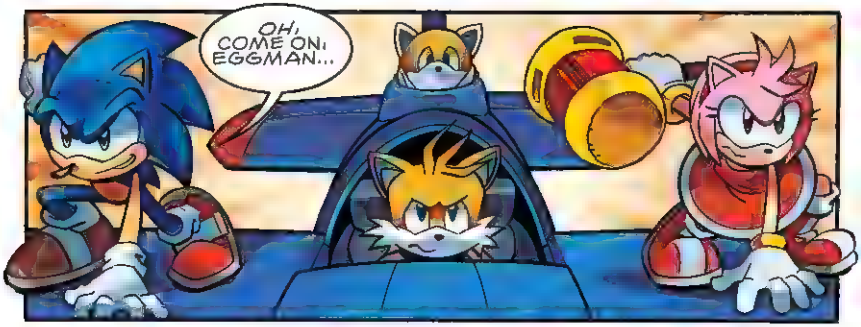
IT'S OVER, HEDGEHOG! BEHOLD! IT WAS I--DR. EGGMAN--IN DISGUISE ALL ALONG!
NO, REALLY, Y'THINK?
I'VE CAPTURED ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS, SONIC! THE DAY IS MINE!
PFFT! LIKE I HAVEN'T FREED A BUNCH OF MY FRIENDS FROM YOU BEFORE! IT'S THE OLYMPICS, DOC!
WHERE'S YOUR SPIRIT OF COMPETITION?
COMPETITION? I ALREADY WON!
PUH-LEEZE. YOU AND ME, ONE-ON-ONE, WINNER TAKES ALL. OF COURSE, IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF LOSING TO ME AGAIN...
BAH! I WILL WIN, CAPTURE YOU, AND CLAIM OLYMPIC GLORY FOR MYSELF!
BUT SINCE I HAVE A WEAK BACK--OR SOMETHING--I'M CALLING IN MY REPLACEMENT...
...METAL SONIC!
FIGURES.

PTHEW!

ONLY ONE MORE EVENT, RODENT! THE HUNDRED-METER DASH! WHAT'S THE MATTER? AREN'T YOU EXCITED? HA HA HA!
GOING TOE-TO-LUGNUT WITH METAL SONIC IS HARD ENOUGH, BUT DOING EVERY OLYMPIC EVENT IN ONE DAY IS TOO MUCH! I'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT! IF ONLY I HAD A RING...
USA
...OR FIVE!
IN THE SPIRIT OF HOPE...
...FRIEND-SHIP...
...UNITY...
...PEACE...
...AND COMPETI-TION...
...BE EM-POWERED WITH THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT!
GAME ON.

GET ON YOUR MARKS!
GET SET!
GO!
HEY!
CLANG!


I-IMPOSSIBLE!
ALL EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, BOSS.
WE BETTER GET THE HECK OUTTA DODGE, PARDNER!
WAY TO GO, SONIC! ALTHOUGH AFTER ALL THAT, ARE YOU GOING TO SIT-OUT THE REAL OLYMPICS?
ARE YOU KIDDING?
THAT WAS TONS OF FUN! NO WAY I'M WAITING FOUR YEARS TO DO IT AGAIN!
AND SO ENDS OUR OLYMPIC ADVENTURE! COME BACK NEXT TIME AS WE REJOIN SONIC, TAILS, AMY, AND KNUCKLES IN ALL-NEW EPIC ADVENTURE!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST, AND THE ENTIRE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!



UNFRIENDLY SKIES

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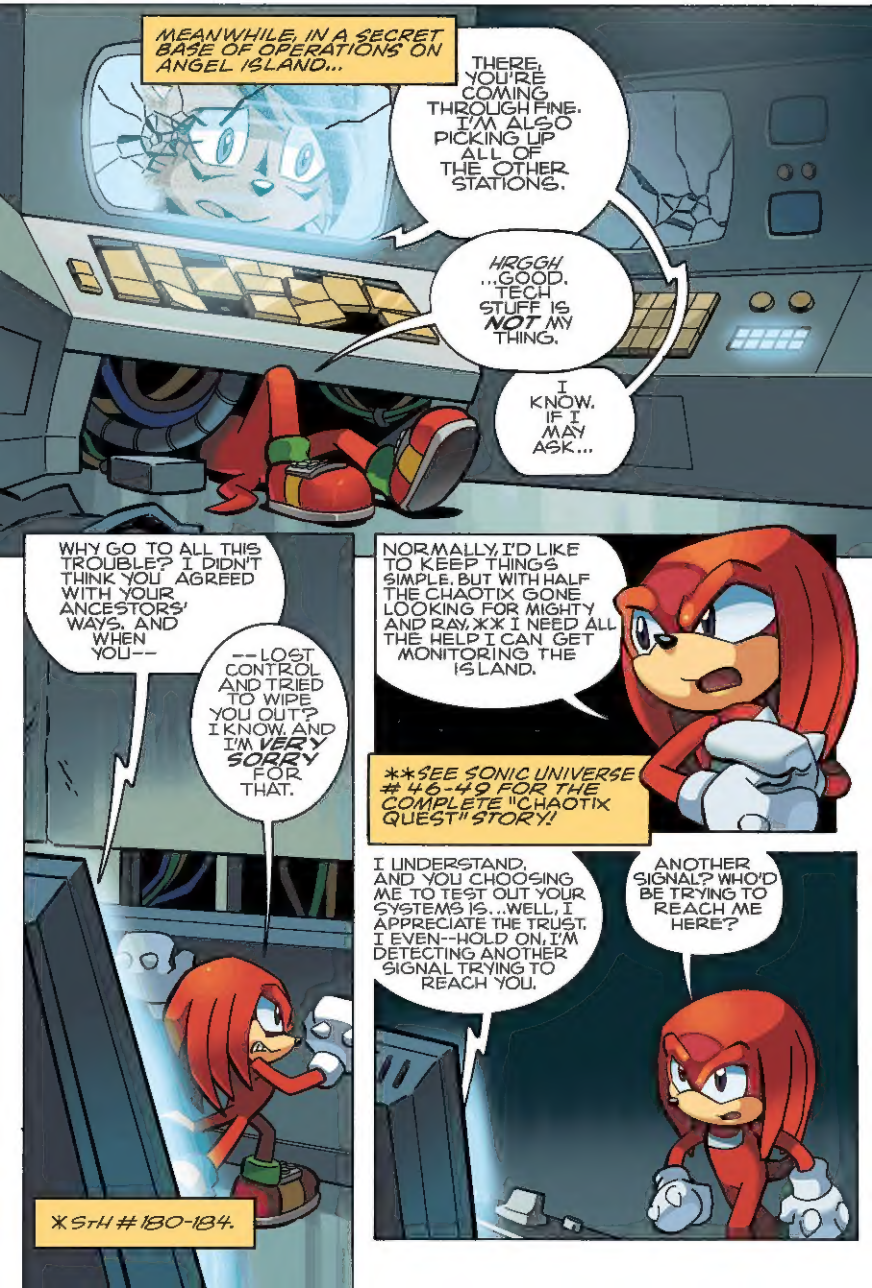
...YOU CALL THIS AN AMBUSH?*

*THIS TAKES PLACE AFTER SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #241!

BE CAREFUL, SONIC!
WHY? WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?
NO DANGER HERE!
OOOH! DON'T HOG ALL THE FUN!
PIKO!
ALL RIGHT, EGG-SWATS! COME AND GET IT!
WE'LL GIVE THEM ANOTHER COUPLE OF MINUTES, THEN WRAP THIS UP OKAY, T-PUP?
YIP!

OKAY, GUYS, YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN! T-PUP, GET ME AN ALL-TARGET LOCK.
YIP! YIP!
YEAH! LET'S GET GOING!
RIGHT. THE ECHIDNAS DOWN THERE NEED US.
IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, SONIC.
OH, BOY...
...THE ECHIDNA HOMELAND LOOKS PRETTY BAD. KNUCKLES IS NOT GOING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT THAT.


MEANWHILE, IN A SECRET BASE OF OPERATIONS ON ANGEL ISLAND...
THERE, YOU'RE COMING THROUGH FINE. I'M ALSO PICKING UP ALL OF THE OTHER STATIONS.
HRGGH ...GOOD. TECH STUFF IS NOT MY THING.
I KNOW. IF I MAY ASK...
WHY GO TO ALL THIS TROUBLE? I DIDN'T THINK YOU AGREED WITH YOUR ANCESTORS' WAYS. AND WHEN YOU--
--LOST CONTROL AND TRIED TO WIPE YOU OUT? I KNOW. AND I'M VERY SORRY FOR THAT.
*STH #180-184.
NORMALLY, I'D LIKE TO KEEP THINGS SIMPLE. BUT WITH HALF THE CHAOTIX GONE LOOKING FOR MIGHTY AND RAY, ** I NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET MONITORING THE ISLAND.
**SEE SONIC UNIVERSE #46-49 FOR THE COMPLETE "CHAOTIX QUEST" STORY!
I UNDERSTAND, AND YOU CHOOSING ME TO TEST OUT YOUR SYSTEMS IS...WELL, I APPRECIATE THE TRUST. I EVEN--HOLD ON, I'M DETECTING ANOTHER SIGNAL TRYING TO REACH YOU.
ANOTHER SIGNAL? WHO'D BE TRYING TO REACH ME HERE?

--DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE WILL ⇒KSSHK⇐ WE ARE UNDER ⇒WRR-RRT!⇐ REPEAT, UNDER ATTACK. ⇒ZZZT!⇐ DEATH EGG ⇒KSSSHK!⇐ DARK EGG ⇒KSSHK⇐ SEND HELP.
THIS MESSAGE ⇒KSHT!⇐ TO LOOP. THIS IS REM-⇒ZZT⇐ FROM ⇒KSHT!⇐ I DON'T KNOW IF ANY...⇒KSSSHK!⇐
MY PEOPLE... THE LAST OF MY KIND -- THE ONES I FAILED... BETRAYED...
BUT I'M THE GUARDIAN. THEY NEED MY HELP, AND IT'S MY DUTY TO SAVE THEM. EVEN IF IT WILL BE HARD TO LOOK THEM IN THE EYE. I BETTER RALLY THE GIRLS AND GET MOVING--
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Dear Sonic-Grams,
This is the comic book series that went from awesome to awesomer. I have a super fast question for you, so do you think you're fast enough to answer?

I'm a quick draw. You can say that I'm supersonic speedy!

How many Metal Sonics has Eggman made?

Well, there are many alternate versions of Metal Sonic, and they are all a part of a series. As for the most recent Metal Sonic, his model has been built about six times now! You can check out the entire list in the Sonic Comic Encyclopedia, available wherever fine books are sold! Plugplugplug

I plan on making a comic book series too some day so get ready!

Can't wait to see what you've got in store!

P.S: Since decimals are fair game I wanted to say I'm Sonic's #1.1 fan and if that's taken then #1.2 is cool too, and ever since you guys posted issue 200 your covers have gotten Awesomer. Keep getting Awesomer!

Your fan,
Patrick G. from Washington

Thanks for writing in, Patrick! We will continue down our path of awesome!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Just wanted to ask some questions which I hope you guys will answer for me.

You've got Sonic-questions, we've got Sonic-answers!

First off, have you guys ever made a book on how to draw Sonic characters? I used to draw him all the time but got preoccupied for a while and lost my Sonic drawing talent.

A "How to draw Sonic" book, huh? That's a great idea! Maybe one day!

I really wanna apply for a job when I'm old enough (and if I get that good at drawing).

Keep practicing your skills and take drawing classes! That's how Sonic comic artists like Tracy Yardley and Patrick Spaziante got so good!

Anyway I also wanted to ask if you guys sell old comics. I know you can buy old digital comics on your website but I haven't found the ones I'm looking for.

Check out the Sonic Archives! Those graphic novels collect all of the classic Sonic comic stories ever produced, as well as the Sonic Select series, which is great to catch up on the classic specials. Both series are available now in fine book stores and online!

I really like Tracy Yardley and Steven Butler's artwork. I have also been enjoying the saga of Ixis Naugus and the Secret Freedom Fighters. I thought it was cool that Tails, Silver, and Scourge got their own Sonic Universe arcs. Have you thought of making one for Blaze or Vector?

You can catch Vector and the rest of the Chaotix in the upcoming Sonic Universe four-part story arc "Chaotix Quest" starting this November!

Anyway I really wanted to email you guys and hopefully you'll reply if you have time.

Joey E.
from Utah

Thanks for writing in, Joey! You're a super fan!

That's all the room we have! Come back in 30 for more awesome Sonic stories!

See y'all next month!

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